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SUBJECT: IRAN: FCO SHARES LESSONS LEARNED ON DETAINEES

Classified By: Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs Greg Berry, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (S) SUMMARY: In a meeting with Iran Watcher (poloff) August 11, Will Gelling, Tom Burn and Rachel Martinek of the FCO's Iran office share UK SAILORS AND EMBASSY STAFF; DIFFERENT STAKES, DIFFERENT APPROACHES

2. (S) Although none of the three FCO officers were involved directly in securing the release of the UK sailors detained in 2007, they were a

3. (S) The cases of the UK Embassy local staff detained by the IRIG required a different approach. Unlike in the case of the sailors, Gulf s
UK LOCAL STAFFER INCLUDED IN SHOW TRIAL

4. (S) HMG remains very concerned about the fate of its senior local political analyst, XXXXXXXXXXXX, who is one of dozens of defendants in t
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